

## Sample Policies for Aquatic Activities

**Water Safety Attendant is on duty.**

*Children are only allowed into the water if the certified water safety attendant or lifeguard is on duty. Children are not allowed near the water without an adult present.*

**Life Guard Certificate or Water Safety Training Certificate is posted.**

*The certifications of staff are reviewed annually to ensure compliance with DHHS Child Care Licensing Rules around supervision of aquatic activities.*

**There is no breakable glass in the water area.**

**The pool has sufficient clarity. The bottom of pool is clearly visible at deepest part.**

*When using the pool, staff members take appropriate measures to check the chemical composition of the pool and ensure the water is safe and healthy for swimmers.*

**Pool area is clear of debris, clutter and pool toys.**

*Each day upon arrival at the water area, staff members ensure that the water play area is free of clutter.*

**All life saving equipment is conspicuously and conveniently on hand.**

*All staff members are made aware of the location of all equipment and receive orientation on how to use it.*

**First aid kit is readily available.**

*First aid kit is inventoried monthly to ensure that the kit is fully stocked to meet the health and safety needs of the children in care.*

**Emergency plan is readily available to staff.**

*Staff members review the Emergency plan upon hiring as part of the orientation process and sign off that they have read the plan and all policies. Staff members have opportunities to read the emergency plan as necessary.*

**Legible water safety rules are posted.**

*Water safety rules are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet the health and safety needs of children in the program. The health consultant reviews the safety rules to ensure best practice.*

**Children were instructed in water safety rules.**

*At the beginning of each water activity, the water safety rules are reviewed with the children. The water safety checklist is completed by staff supervising water activity.*

**All children have written permission to participate in water activities.**

*Documentation of written permission must be placed in each child's file prior to beginning water activities.*

**Non-swimmers are visually identifiable and an adequate number of Coast Guard approved life vests are available for the numbers and ages of children who have permission to participate in water activities.**

**Non-swimmers are defined as:**